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PROTECTION OF NORTHERN ECOSYSTEMS (02.05-2.1): ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS OF PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION.

REF: MOSCOW 07417

1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING TO KAZAKOV OF HYDROMET, AND COPY TO SYROECHKOVSKI, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE.

2. THE TENTATIVE ITINERARY FOR SOVIET DELEGATION VISIT TO ALASKA 4-18 JUNE 76, TO OBSERVE ALASKA PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED PERMAFROST PROBLEMS IS AS FOLLOWS:

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4 JUNE 1800 HOURS, AR NEW YORK CITY (JFK AIRPORT) VIA

AEROFLOT FLIGHT 315. OVERNIGHT.

5 JUNE 0800 HOURS, LV NEW YORK CITY (JFK AIRPORT) VIA
NORTHWEST ORIENT AIRLINES FLIGHT 3; AR ANCHORAGE,
ALASKA, 1355 HOURS.

6 JUNE IN ANCHORAGE, FREE DAY.

7 JUNE IN ANCHORAGE RECEIVING BRIEFINGS FROM ALYESKA
PIPELINE SERVICE COMPANY, ALASKA PIPELINE OFFICE,

AND STATE OF ALASKA PIPELINE COORDINATOR'S OFFICE.

8 JUNE IN ANCHORAGE RECEIVING BRIEFINGS FROM ALASKA
ARCTIC GAS PIPELINE COMPANY AND FROM EL PASO
ALASKA COMPANY.

9 JUNE 0830 HOURS, LV ANCHORAGE FOR FAIRBANKS VIA
WIEN AIR ALASKA FLIGHT 23; AR FAIRBANKS
0920 HRS. PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION OBSERVATIONS
AND VISIT TO UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA.

10 JUNE 0635 HRS., LV FAIRBANKS FOR BARROW VIA WIEN AIR
ALASKA FLIGHT 1; AR BARROW 0800 HRS.; INSPECT
RESEARCH FACILITIES.

11 JUNE 0900 HRS., LV BARROW FOR PRUDHOE BAY VIA WIEN AIR
ALASKA FLIGHT 2; AR PRUDHOE BAY 0945 HRS.

12 JUNE AT PRUDHOE BAY INSPECTING OIL FIELD AND PIPE-
LINE FACILITIES.

13 JUNE 2045 HRS., LV PRUDHOE BAY FOR ANCHORAGE VIA
WIEN AIR ALASKA FLIGHT 20; AR ANCHORAGE 2320
HRS. (THREE-DAY VISIT TO PRUDHOE BAY AREA
WILL AFFORD DETAILED OBSERVATIONS OF OIL-FIELD
AND PIPELINE FACILITIES. PIPELINE DEVELOPMENTS
WILL BE VIEWED ACROSS ARCTIC COASTAL PLAIN,
INTO NORTHERN FOOTHILLS OF BROOKS RANGE, AND
AT ATIGUN PASS IN BROOKS RANGE.)

14 JUNE IN ANCHORAGE RECEIVING BRIEFINGS FROM BUREAU OF
LAND MANAGEMENT AND FROM THE ARCTIC ENVIRON-
MENTAL INFORMATION AND DATA CENTER; PREPARING
PROTOCOL.

15 JUNE IN ANCHORAGE PREPARING PROTOCOL.

16 JUNE 0830 HRS., LV ANCHORAGE VIA NORTHWEST ORIENT
AIRLINES FLIGHT 6; AR NEW YORK CITY (JFK
AIRPORT), 2215 HRS. OVERNIGHT.

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17 JUNE FREE DAY IN NEW YORK CITY.

18 JUNE 2030 HRS., LV NEW YORK CITY FOR MOSCOW ON
AEROFLOT FLIGHT 316.

3. HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE VISITING DELEGATION
HAVE BEEN ARRANGED WITH SINGLE ROOMS FOR BATALIN AND
SUBODIN AND DOUBLES FOR ALL OTHERS. ESTIMATED TOTAL
FOOD AND LODGING COSTS PER PARTICIPANT WILL AVERAGE ABOUT

800 U.S. DOLLARS MAXIMUM. THIS AMOUNT CAN BE REDUCED BY PLACING MORE DELEGATES IN SAME ROOM; ALSO, ALASKA HOSTS WILL PROVIDE SOME LODGINGS AND FOOD. BE ADVISED, HOWEVER THAT ALASKA PRICES ARE HIGH REPEAT HIGH, AND SOVIET DELEGATION MUST BE PREPARED TO BEAR COSTS. FOR EXAMPLE, ROOM AND BOARD AT PRUDHOE BAY WILL COST 100.00 DOLLARS PER PERSON PER DAY; A SINGLE ROOM (WITHOUT FOOD) IN ANCHORAGE COSTS 48 DOLLARS PER PERSON PER DAY AND A DOUBLE ROOM, 38 DOLLARS PER PERSON PER DAY.

4. ALL RESERVATIONS FOR AIRPLANE FLIGHTS WITHIN USA HAVE BEEN MADE FOR DELEGATION. TOTAL AIRPLANE FARES INCLUDING FLIGHTS NEW YORK TO ANCHORAGE AND RETURN AND ALL FLIGHTS IN ALASKA AMOUNT TO 780 U.S. DOLLARS FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION. ALL FLIGHTS ARE IDENTIFIED IN ITINERARY ABOVE, AND SOVIET DELEGATION CAN ARRIVE WITH TICKETS ALREADY PREPARED OR CAN PURCHASE TICKETS AFTER ARRIVAL IN USA.

5. OSCAR FERRIANS, RONALD SKOOG, AND INTERPRETER RAISA SCRIBABINE WILL MEET SOVIET DELEGATION ON ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK CITY.

6. VISIT TO PIPELINE TERMINAL AND SHIPPING FACILITIES AT VALDEZ CONSIDERED INADVISABLE BECAUSE OF HIGH PROBABILITY OF FLIGHT CONCELLATIONS DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER.

7. U.S. SIDE WOULD APPRECIATE A DETAILED ITINERARY AND PROGRAM FOR U.S. DELEGATION'S RECIPROCAL VISIT TO USSR IN OCTOBER 1976. U.S. SIDE PROPOSES DELEGATION OF EIGHT SPECIALISTS TO VISIT USSR DURING PERIOD OF 3-17 OCTOBER, 1976. SINCERELY YOURS, DR. RONALD O. SKOOG. ROBINSON

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